harth Nagar, Sonabhadra, Srinagar (Garhwal), Khatauli, Dadri, Hathras, Balrampur, Ayodhya, Devasharif, Bagpat (Agarwal Mandi), Sikandarabad, Kashipur, Bajpur, Haldwani, Ranikhet, Mohmadabad, Kasna, Kicha, Ramnagar, and Fatehpur Sikhri.

Sale of 50 Mirage Jets to Pakistan by Australia

1806.SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer ot Unstarred Question No. 1525 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd May, 1990 and state:

(a) what has been the response of Australia to the Government of India's expression of regret and disappointment conveyed to it on their decision to sell 50 Mirage Jets to Pakistan;

(b) whether Australia has given any assurance that it will reconsider the sale under certain conditions; if so, what are these circumstances; and

(c) whether it is a fact that these fighters have substantial lethal potential; if so, what action Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Australia has acknowledged Government of India's expression of regert and disappointment on their decisioon to sell 50 Mirage Jets to Pakistan and appreciated our concern.

(b) Australia has assured us that it will review the sale if hostilities break out or appear imminent. Australia has also stated that the deliveries are unlikely to take place before next year.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India takes suitable steps from time to time for meeting possible threats.

Talks on Non Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons between India and Pakistan

1807. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has expressed its willingness to discuss with India the question of non-profileration of nuclear weapons;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to discuss in detail the danger of nuclear weapon and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) Pakistan has, from time to time, been making proposals on nuclear matters in a narrow regional or bilateral context.

(b) and (c) Government are of the view that nuclear non-proliferation is a global issue and does not lend itself to a bilateral or regional solution.

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(The Deputy Chairman in the Chair)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification G.S.R. No. 326, dated the 26th May, 1990, publishing the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (Office Combatant—Non-Gazetted) Cadre Recruitment (Amendment) Rules, 1990, under sub-section (3) of section 18

of the Central Reserve Police Force Act 1949. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1169/90].

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs draft Notification (F.No. 10/9/-90-M&G) publishing the Ministers' (Allowances, Medical Treatment and other Privilege) Amendment Rules, 1990, under sub-section (2) of section 11 of Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 1952. [Placed in Library. *See* No. 1252/90].

Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Shipping and Ports Wings)

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Shipping Wing) Notification GSR No. 312, dated the 8th May 1990 publishing the Merchant Shipping (Continuous Discharge Certificate) Amendment Rules, 1990, under sub-section (3) of section 458 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1170/90]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing), under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963:—

(i) GSR No. 634(E), dated the 13th July, 1990, publishing the Cochin Port Employees (Retirement) Amendment Regulations, 1990.

(ii) GSR No. 635(E), dated the 13th July, 1990, publishing the Madras Port Trust Employees' (Classification, Control and Appeal) (First Amendment) Regulations, 1990.

(iii) GSR No. 549(E), dated the 5th June, 1990, publishing the Bombay Port Trust Employees (Conduct) Amendmen Regulations, 1990.

[Placed in Library. For (i) and II *See* No. LT-1254.90].

I. Report and Accounts (1988-89) of the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited, Bombay and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1988-89) of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited and related papers.

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र) : महोदया, कम्पनी अधिनियम 1956 की धारा 619-क की उपधारा (1) के अधीन निम्नलिखित पत्रों की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी और हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखता हूं--

(i) (क) 1988-89 के वर्ष के लिए विदेश संचार निगम लिमिटेड, बम्बई का तीसरा वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन और लेखे, लेखाओं पर लेखा परीक्षकों का प्रतिवेदन और उस पर भारत के नियंत्रक महालेखा-परीक्षक की टिप्पणियों सहित ।

(ख) निगम के कार्यकरण की सरकार द्वारा समीक्षा ।

[पुस्तकालय में रखी गई (क) और (ख) के लिए देखिए संख्या-एल.टी. 1297/90]

(ii) (क) 1988-89 के वर्ष के लिए महानगर टेलीफ़ोन निगम लिमिटड भई दिल्ली का तीसरा वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन तथा लेखे, लेखाओं पर लेखा परीक्षक का प्रतिवेदन और उस पर भारत के नियंत्रक महालेखा-परीक्षक की टिप्पणियों सहित ।

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श्री सुरेश पचौरी (मध्य प्रदेश) : आज के समाचार पत्र में छपा है इनमें दो केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों का.... **(व्यवधान)**

श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह (बिहार) : **(व्यवधान)** रिफ़ाइनरी बंद है, ऐसी हालत में सरकार से हम यह अनुरोध करना चाहेंगे कि बरौनी के बारे में ... **(व्यवधान)**